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SUMMARY: ISRELI DEPUTY PERM REP ELIAV SAID NOV 16
HE BELIEVES THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A PALESTINIAN
RIGHTS COMMITTEE IS MORE SERIOUS THAN THE RACISM/ZIONISM
RESOLUTION. THE LATTER WAS BAD BUT IT WAS ONLY A RESOLUTION;
A NEW COMMITTEE ESTABLISHES AN INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM
THAT MAY PLAGUE US FOREVER,
WE INFORMED HIM OF OUR ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE PROPOSAL
AND HE URGED CONTINUED LOBBYING, WHICH HE BELIEVES HAS A
GOOD CHANCE OF AT LEAST DELAYING THIS PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING A LUNCHEON CONVERSATION NOV 16, ISRAELI DEPUTY
PERM REP ELIAV TOLD POLCOUNS THAT HIS DELEGATION CONSIDERS
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THE PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A NEW PALESTINIAN RIGHTS
CENTER TO BE MORE SERIOUS THAN ADOPTION OF THE RACISM/ZIONISM
RESOLUTION. IN ADDITION TO THE BOVIOUS MONETARY COST
AND POLITICAL BIAS INEVITABLE IN THIS EXERCISE, HIS
DELEGATION FEELS THAT CREATION OF AN INSTITUTIONAL BODY
WILL BE DIFFICULT TO TERMINATE EVEN IF "PEACE" IS
AGREED UPON AT GENEVA. THEY BELIEVE THAT IT BEHOOVES

ALL OF US TO MAKE A MAJOR EFFORT TO BLOCK THIS PROPOSAL, IF POSSIBLE FORESTALLING IT IN THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE BEFORE IT EMERGES IN THE GA. THE ISRAELIS ESTIMATE THAT A STRONG LOBBYING EFFORT HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF PERSUADING THE MODERATE ARAB AND NON-ALIGNED IN THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE TO AT LEAST DEFER ADOPTION OF THIS PROPOSAL FOR THE TIME BEING.

2. ELIAV SPOKE STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF TACTICS DIRECTED TOWARD KILLING THIS PROPOSAL. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THE TACTICAL DIFFICULTY OF PERMANENTLY BLOCKING THE PROPOSAL AND ACCEPTED THE POSSIBILITY THAT OUR TACTICS MAY HAVE TO TURN INSTEAD TO AN EFFORT TO DELAY THE PROPOSAL, HOPEFULLY AT LEAST UNTIL THE 33RD GA.

3. ELIAV SAID HE BELIEVES THAT LOBBYING EFFORTS WITH THE FOLLOWING DELEGATIONS WOULD BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST THE PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY IF WE MOVE NOV 17, BEFORE THE TASK FORCE OF COMMITTEE REACHES A DECISION ON THE MATTER AT A MEETING PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR NOV 18: THOSE ON COMMITTEE WHICH MIGHT HELP ARE CYPRUS, GUINEA (WHICH HAS SHOWN SOME MODICUM OF SYMPATHY TO ISREL IN THE RECENT PAST), POSSIBLY HUNGARY, INDIA, INDOESIA ("THE US MIGHT SPEND SOME OF ITS CURRENCY"), MALAYSIA (TIED TO THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND SUBJECT TO INDIAN INFLUENCE), PAKISTAN, (ANOTHER DELEGATION WHERE THE US MAY HAVE SOME CURRENT INFLUENCE),
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ROMANIA (ISRAELIS BELIEVE ROMANIA HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN DISCUSSION OF THIS PROPOSAL), SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, TUNISIA (US AFRICAN CREDENTIALS SHOULD HELP) AND YUGOSLAVIA.

4. MISSION IS ENDEAVORING TO CONTACT AS MANY OF THESE DELEGATIONS AS POSSIBLE NOV 17 ARGUING MOST STRONGLY DEFERRAL OF THE PROPOSAL IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT STAGE OF MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS. LEONARD

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